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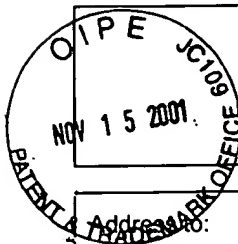
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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/218,997 filed on December 22, 1998, entitled SILICON WAFER STORAGE WATER AND SILICON WAFER STORAGE METHOD.

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an International application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

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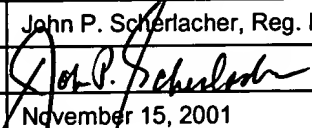
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